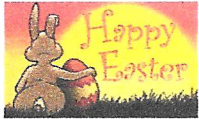


# THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
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Sunday April 16



Friday April 22

## CSA 21

Madera County sent in their crew to repair the clubhouse parking lot on March 16 & 17. These repairs will be paid for by the CSA-21 account.



The large area of the parking lot could not be graded at this time due to heavy saturation of water. The parking lot will remain closed until the grounds have dried out.

## Cascadel Woods Firewise Brigade

Warren Cox, the Director of the Cascadel Firewise Brigade is stepping down as Director in May 2017. A new Director is needed.

If you feel you could manage the members in their training and community service work as required, and other duties, please attend the next monthly meeting for consideration of the position.

The next meeting of the Firewise Brigade and members will be April 18, 2017. Call Warren Cox for more information at (559) 760-9082.

## Firewise Events

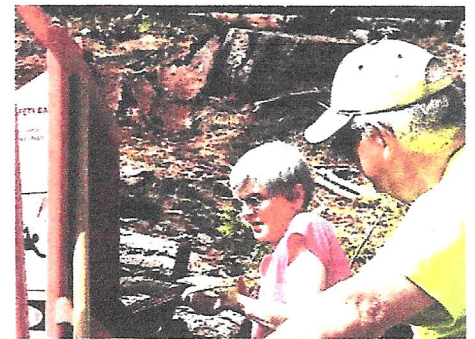
March 18 was a workday for the brigade members. The volunteer crew chipped



several slash piles for a few residents. This included chipping and bucking up some

rather large felled trees.

Sussan Odry, one of our newer residents, joined the Fire Brigade for the entire day.



We thank her for volunteering her time



for the community. You are a very hard worker as are all of the volunteer's.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Annual Firewise Community Day

The Cascadel Firewise Committee and Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade invite you to the Annual Firewise Community Day on **Saturday May 20, 2017** from 10 am to noon at the Clubhouse.

A BBQ lunch will be provided and guest speakers tentatively include representatives from CalFire, U.S. Forest Service, and Madera Sheriffs' Office.

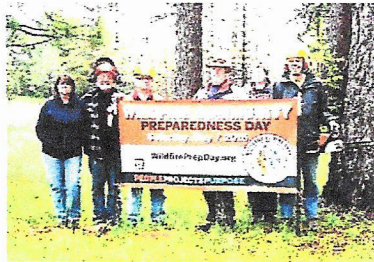
Additionally, the Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade is offering 20 person hours of volunteer fuel reduction labor as a raffle prize in support of this event. See the enclosed flyer for details.

### Wildfire Community Preparedness Day May 17

The Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade submitted an application for a \$500 grant coincident with a [National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/national-wildfire-community-preparedness-day/2017-contest-winners) (NWCPD) project in March and **We won the grant!** The full list of winners can be found at the following link: <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/national-wildfire-community-preparedness-day/2017-contest-winners>

Since 2014, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) partnered with State Farm to provide communities with seed money to grow their wildfire preparedness projects.

Our project proposal includes a **May 6, 2017 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Chipping Event** to be held here in Cascadel Woods. In addition, the grant funds will go towards payment of the nominal daily rate for the Mount Bullion Conservation Camp Crews to assist the community with wildfire risk reduction work.



#### FROM 2016 NWCPD

Please contact Warren Cox, Chairman of the Cascadel Firewise Committee, if you are interested in participating in the May 6, 2017 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day chipping event to be held here in Cascadel Woods.

**Contact Info:** Warren Cox, Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee Chairman, at [warrenc32559@gmail.com](mailto:warrenc32559@gmail.com) or at (559) 760-9082 if you are interested in having piles chipped or would like to assist in volunteering to make our community more fire safe.

## Debris Chipping in The Woods

The Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee and Cascadel Fire Brigade are sponsoring this on-going project to clear debris from the roadsides and private property at your request. This project is not to remove debris created by the PG&E crews.

Chipping and removal of smaller dead trees/brush will continue on the road easements as possible so not to interfere with the work being done by the PG&E crews.

The use of this chipper and the time spent by volunteers help to remove hazardous fuels from the community and contribute to the community's in-kind cost share requirements of our new SFA grant.

**The Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade is looking for volunteers** to join us one Saturday each month for 1 – 4 hours depending if it is a training day, workday or meeting only. If interested contact Warren Cox at 559-760-9082 or email [warrenc32559@gmail.com](mailto:warrenc32559@gmail.com).

## Events and Meetings

- **Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association Board of Directors**  
Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Water Company Board of Directors**  
Friday, April 14 at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade**  
Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. at the home of Warren and Aimee Cox at 59657 Hillcrest Road

## Local News

Celebrate Easter with fun for all at the Pines Resort in Bass Lake: 54432 Road 432  
Saturday April 15 from 12:00 – 2:30pm.



- Pics with the Easter Bunny
- Family activities
- Kids Crafts
- at 12:30 Easter Egg Hunt for kids ages 0-12. Over 3,500 eggs to claim. Bring your own basket.

## Destination Imagination Update

The Fantabulous 4Diva Dibblers won their STATE competition and are now on their way to NATIONALS in Tennessee! CONGRATULATIONS to all of you! (See March Newsletter)

## Grants

### 2016 CAL FIRE State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and Tree Mortality Grant Program

A grant agreement between CalFire and Foundation for Resource Conservation, Inc. (FRC) is in place. The CWPOA is working with FRC on advance payment requests so contract tree removal can begin.

Funding went into effect March 1.

### 2016 State Fire Assistance Program (SFA) California Fire Safe Council Grant

A request for proposals seeking professional tree service contractors to provide tree felling and removal services on the *Cascadel Woods Fuel Reduction Project* went out for public bid through Yosemite-Sequoia Resource Conservation Development Council in early February 2017. Proposals from several local contractors were received and a contractor was selected. The next step is to complete the contract and confirm with CalFire that the environmental clearance is complete, a requirement under this grant for ground disturbing work.

The start date for this 2-year grant was October 1, 2016. The CWPOA is recording match and expenses for in-kind work supported by the CWPOA, Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee, Cascadel Fire Brigade and property owners.

## Tree Removal Crews

PG&E subcontractor BKW Inc. is coordinating activities with the CWPOA President, Stan Eggink, to ensure all PG&E logs are being accounted for and removed under "The PG&E Expanded Debris Management Program".

This program allows for the continued removal of PG&E felled trees from private property.

In an effort to prevent further damage to the roads and private property BKW Inc. will delay clean up activity at the east end of Cascadel Woods for a short time to allow the roads and property more time to dry out.

This debris removal is expected to continue for several months. Additionally, ACRT was just in the subdivision marking more trees for felling.

## Water Company News

The Spring/Summer recommended **outdoor watering** effective Apr 15, 2017 is as follows:

**Odd addresses:** Tue, Thur and Saturday

**Even addresses:** Wed, Fri and Sunday

**No watering on Monday and No watering allowed between 10am and 6pm**

Maximum monthly usage without penalty is 2500 cubic feet. Usage over 2500 cubic feet per month billed at \$0.05 per cubic foot. Additionally, monthly usage over 3000 cubic feet will incur a fine of \$50.00 for each 500 cubic foot increment or portion thereof.

For more information, if you spot a leak or need assistance, please contact the CWPOA or Water Company at (559) 877-2635 or [cascadelwoods@netptc.net](mailto:cascadelwoods@netptc.net)

## Brush and Pile Burning

Safe residential pile burning of forest debris is authorized on "Permissive Burn Days" only. Please call **877-429-2876** before you burn. A Cal Fire Burn Permit is required. Permits can be obtained from your local CAL FIRE Station. The nearest station is located at 32908 Road 222. Phone 877-2600.

## CWPOA/Water Co Offices

The CDC has located the leak that has caused water to flow into the office and have rectified the problem. The carpet in the office will soon be replaced and the office cleaned making it useable. Until then, if you need to contact Cindy or leave a message for the Water Co or the CWPOA Board, please try Cynthia's home phone first at 559-877-4379. Messages are retrieved from the office phone every few days. The office phone number is 559-877-2635.

Reminder, the FAX is not operational at this time.

## NOTICE

We have been notified of men knocking on doors to offer their services to remove your dead trees. REMEMBER to ask for their **license numbers** and if they are **insured** before you let them perform work on your property to remove possible liability.

## Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox, CWPOA Secretary, by February 25, 2017 at [aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com)

## 2017 Cascadel Firewise Day and BBQ

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Firewise day potluck and BBQ on May 20<sup>th</sup> 10 am at the Cascadel Clubhouse.

Speakers to include.

**Cal Fire**

**Madera County Sheriffs**

**North Fork Volunteer Fire Dept.**

**PG&E & C.O.P.S.**

We will once again be raffling 20 hours of fire clearance work to be done at your home by the Fire Brigade. Please contact Brian Curtis for tickets (559) 877-4379.

For information please contact Warren Cox (559) 760-9082

**Hope to see you there!**